

Weekly Views

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*"We make a living by
what we get. We make a
life by what we give." ~
Sir Winston Churchill*

Friday, July 24, 2009

Westville Correctional Facility and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles supplied approximately 227 offenders with state identification cards during the BMV's two-day visit. The effort helps offenders secure identification for re-entry.

Commissioner Buss and Executive Staff visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility this week for a meeting and tour.

Pendleton Juvenile's C complex held a "Day with the Sergeant" party this week. Nine offenders, who have demonstrated positive behavior through all aspects of their programming for the past month, were treated to pizza, sodas, and games.

Eighteen selected staff members from New Castle Correctional Facility just completed a six week pre-supervisory class entitled "CLIMB" (Continuous Learning Inspires My Best). Session 2 started this week with 20 participants.

Plainfield Correctional donated 45.2 lbs. of produce from its vegetable garden to the St. Mark's Food Bank in Plainfield.

Four students from South Bend Juvenile performed community service last weekend at the annual Enshrinement Festival at the College Football Hall of Fame. They assisted with the parade and then enjoyed games and entertainment.

17 Miami Correctional Facility staff and family members gathered at the Grissom Air Museum to clean the F-14 Tomcat. The plane is part of the museum's outdoor exhibit, and the facility has committed to clean it at least two times a year.

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility had 12 staff members participate in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), a two-day course that helps individuals recognize risk and learn how to intervene with suicidal individuals.

Indiana Women's Prison will hold its 2009 Earth, Wind, and Fire Summer Camp this weekend. The number of participants expected to attend this event will be 59 offenders and 113 children.

Miami Correctional Facility recently hosted a PREP weekend, and 15 couples attended. Staff from MCF, Central Office, CIF, and a volunteer from Putnamville worked together to make the weekend a big success.

Branchville Correctional Facility's PLUS program made its first donation of the year from its organic gardens. So far this year, the program has donated over 2,000 lbs of fresh produce to local area food banks and elderly/low income housing units. With the continued good weather, the program hopes to greatly exceed last year's total of 5,000 lbs.

New Castle Correctional Facility hosted a Community Advisory Board this week. Culinary Arts students prepared and served lunch to the approximately 14 staff and 9 board members who attended.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility PLUS program held a fundraiser and donated \$1,100 to the Hendricks County Humane Society. The donation will be used to provide assistance to individuals fostering rescued animals in the area.

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility had 6 students help set up the 4-H Fair at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

Correctional Industrial Facility hosted the Pendleton Facilities' Community Advisory Board quarterly meeting. Superintendent Gilbert Peters, a special guest from Branchville, gave a presentation on "Incarceration with a Purpose."

52 participants in the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility CLIFF program, joined by proud family members, took part in graduation festivities. To date, over 702 offenders have completed the program to end their addiction to meth.

Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a ceremony to honor the most recent graduates of the facility's Vocational Training Programs, which include the Auto Body, Carpentry, Printing, Barbering, and Welding programs.

Correctional Industrial Facility processed 76,000 eyeglasses for the Lion's Club International this past month. The Lion's Club ships the recycled eyeglasses to third world countries and other underdeveloped regions worldwide.

Northeast Juvenile held a Field Day for all students. Students participated in games, the Indiana National Guard brought an inflatable obstacle course and passed out t-shirts, and the New Covenant Church grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

Officers for the newly-chartered American Legion Post at Miami Correctional Facility were installed by the Fifth District Commander for the American Legion of Indiana. The Post was also given its official designation as Post 555.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner